

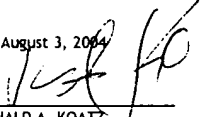
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(for Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C § 132, effective May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995))

Attorney Docket No.: C7564(V)
Applicant: Ashcroft et al.
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37. C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously mailed on June 16, 2004.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Other _____

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- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Communication
 - ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. ((Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required).
- b. ☐ Other _____

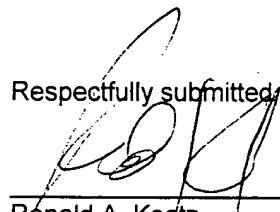
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.
- i. ☒ \$770.00 (RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

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Respectfully submitted,



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